

1-17, 34-35, 37-39 for prosecution on the merits, without traverse. Applicants have herein also canceled claims *18-33, 36, 40-46* without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants respectfully suggest that each of the claims presently in the application are distinct over the prior art and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that the restriction/election requirement be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted

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